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(54) **BITTER TASTE-REDUCING COMPOSITION**

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide the bitter taste-reduced composition reduced in the bitter taste by compounding a bitter taste-having ingredient such as an antitussive medicine, diuretic medicine or central stimulating medicine with an essential oil or its ingredient.

CONSTITUTION: A bitter taste-having ingredient e.g. an antitussive medicine such as codeine, a diuretic medicine such as ursodeoxycholic acid, a vitamin such

as bisbentiamine, a central stimulating medicine such as caffeine, or the extract of a galenical such as Coptis japonica is compound with an essential oil (e.g. an eucalyptus oil, peppermint oil) or its ingredient (e.g. cineol, eugenol, camphor) preferably in an amount of 0.001-5% to provide the bitter taste-reducing composition. The method provides the composition capable of easily and orally being administered or taken as a medicine or food, of being applied not only to solid articles but also to liquid articles, and therefore extremely useful.

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